

Math 1410–Solutions for Assignment 5

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1. Evaluate each of the following determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & -4 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & -4 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ = & \begin{matrix} -5R1 + R2 \\ R1 + R3 \end{matrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -19 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ = & (1)(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} -19 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ = & (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} -19 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ = & \begin{vmatrix} -19 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ = & (-19)(1) - (1)(5) \\ = & -19 - 5 \\ = & -24. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} = \\ \text{R1+R2} \\ \text{R1+R3} \\ \text{R1+R4} \end{array} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 9 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} = \\ \text{-R4+R2} \end{array} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1)(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= - \left[(6)(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right]$$

$$= -6 \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -6[(6)(2) - (2)(9)]$$

$$= -6[12 - 18]$$

$$= -6[-6]$$

$$= 36.$$

2. Evaluate the following determinant using the cofactor expansion along the first row. Also, compute the determinant using the cofactor expansion down the second column.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & -6 \\ -7 & 8 & 1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Solution:

Along the first row:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & -6 \\ -7 & 8 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= + (1) \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 8 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - (2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ -7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (3) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ -7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= [(5)(1) - (-6)(8)] - 2[(4)(1) - (-6)(-7)] + 3[(4)(8) - (5)(-7)] \\ &= [53] - 2[-38] + 3[67] \\ &= 53 + 76 + 201 \\ &= 330. \end{aligned}$$

Down the second column:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & -6 \\ -7 & 8 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -(2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ -7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (5) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - (8) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & -6 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -2[(4)(1) - (-6)(-7)] + 5[(1)(1) - (3)(-7)] - 8[(1)(-6) - (3)(4)] \\ &= -2[-38] + 5[22] - 8[-18] \\ &= 76 + 110 + 144 \\ &= 330, \text{ as expected.} \end{aligned}$$

3. Find the inverse of each of the following matrices using the cofactor method:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Then, the cofactors of A are

$$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - (-4) = 6,$$

$$A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -[2 - 3] = 1,$$

$$A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = -4 - 3 = -7,$$

$$A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ -4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -[-2 - (-20)] = -18,$$

$$A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - 15 = -13,$$

$$A_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = -[-4 - (-3)] = 1,$$

$$A_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1 - 5 = -6,$$

$$A_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -[1 - 5] = 4,$$

$$\text{and } A_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - (-1) = 2.$$

Alternately, if you can do the correct calculations in your head, you can write each cofactor of A as a subscript of the corresponding entry of A , as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1_{(6)} & -1_{(1)} & 5_{(-7)} \\ 1_{(-18)} & 1_{(-13)} & 1_{(1)} \\ 3_{(-6)} & -4_{(4)} & 2_{(2)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using cofactor expansion along any row or column (say, the second row), we find $|A| = (1)(-18) + (1)(-13) + (1)(1) = -30$. Since $|A| \neq 0$, A does indeed have an inverse. To find it, we take the matrix of the cofactors,

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -7 \\ -18 & -13 & 1 \\ -6 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

compute its transpose to find the adjoint of A ,

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -7 \\ -18 & -13 & 1 \\ -6 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^t = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -18 & -6 \\ 1 & -13 & 4 \\ -7 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and finally multiply the adjoint of A by $\frac{1}{|A|}$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{-30} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -18 & -6 \\ 1 & -13 & 4 \\ -7 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{6}{-30} & \frac{-18}{-30} & \frac{-6}{-30} \\ \frac{1}{-30} & \frac{-13}{-30} & \frac{4}{-30} \\ \frac{-7}{-30} & \frac{1}{-30} & \frac{2}{-30} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{30} & \frac{13}{30} & -\frac{2}{15} \\ \frac{7}{30} & -\frac{1}{30} & -\frac{1}{15} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:

Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Then, the cofactors of B are

$$B_{11} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = + \left(+ (1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 21,$$

$$B_{12} = - \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - \left(+ (5) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right) = -5(21) = -105,$$

$$B_{13} = + \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = + (0) = 0,$$

$$B_{14} = - \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = - \left(+ (5) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \right) = -5(0) = 0,$$

$$B_{21} = - \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - \left(+ (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 2(21) = 42,$$

$$B_{22} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = + \left(+ (1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 21,$$

$$B_{23} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - (0) = 0,$$

$$B_{24} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = + \left(+ (1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \right) = + (0) = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B_{31} &= + \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = + \left(+(-2) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right) = -2(0) = 0, \\
B_{32} &= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - \left(+(1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right) = -(0) = 0, \\
B_{33} &= + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = +(0) = 0, \\
B_{34} &= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = - \left(+(3) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right) = -3(11) = -33, \\
B_{41} &= - \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = - \left(+(-2) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -7 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 2(0) = 0, \\
B_{42} &= + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = + \left(+(1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -7 \end{vmatrix} \right) = +(0) = 0, \\
B_{43} &= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = - \left(+(-7) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 7(11) = 77, \\
\text{and } B_{44} &= + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = + \left(+(2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 2(11) = 22.
\end{aligned}$$

So, writing each cofactor of B as a subscript of the corresponding entry of B yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1_{(21)} & -2_{(-105)} & 0_{(0)} & 0_{(0)} \\ 5_{(42)} & 1_{(21)} & 0_{(0)} & 0_{(0)} \\ 0_{(0)} & 0_{(0)} & 2_{(0)} & -7_{(-33)} \\ 0_{(0)} & 0_{(0)} & 3_{(77)} & 0_{(22)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Like before, we use cofactor expansion along any row or column (say, the fourth row) to find $|B| = (3)(77) = 231$. Since $|B| \neq 0$, B has an inverse. To find it, we take the matrix of the cofactors,

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_{1\ 1} & B_{1\ 2} & B_{1\ 3} & B_{1\ 4} \\ B_{2\ 1} & B_{2\ 2} & B_{2\ 3} & B_{2\ 4} \\ B_{3\ 1} & B_{3\ 2} & B_{3\ 3} & B_{3\ 4} \\ B_{4\ 1} & B_{4\ 2} & B_{4\ 3} & B_{4\ 4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & -105 & 0 & 0 \\ 42 & 21 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -33 \\ 0 & 0 & 77 & 22 \end{bmatrix},$$

compute its transpose to find the adjoint of B ,

$$\text{adj}(B) = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & -105 & 0 & 0 \\ 42 & 21 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -33 \\ 0 & 0 & 77 & 22 \end{bmatrix}^t = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 42 & 0 & 0 \\ -105 & 21 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 77 \\ 0 & 0 & -33 & 22 \end{bmatrix},$$

and lastly multiply the adjoint of B by $\frac{1}{|B|}$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} B^{-1} &= \frac{1}{231} \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 42 & 0 & 0 \\ -105 & 21 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 77 \\ 0 & 0 & -33 & 22 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{21}{231} & \frac{42}{231} & \frac{0}{231} & \frac{0}{231} \\ \frac{-105}{231} & \frac{21}{231} & \frac{0}{231} & \frac{0}{231} \\ \frac{0}{231} & \frac{0}{231} & \frac{0}{231} & \frac{77}{231} \\ \frac{0}{231} & \frac{0}{231} & \frac{-33}{231} & \frac{22}{231} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{11} & \frac{2}{11} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{5}{11} & \frac{1}{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{7} & \frac{2}{21} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

4. Find all values of a , b , c and d for which the following matrix is singular (a square matrix A is called singular if $|A| = 0$):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2a & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ b & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & c & d \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:

We first need to find the determinant of this matrix, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} 2a & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ b & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & c & d \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \\ = & \begin{vmatrix} 2a & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ b & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & c & d \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \\ = & \begin{vmatrix} 2a & -1 & | & c & d \\ b & 2 & | & 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \\ = & (4a + b) \cdot (-4c - d) \\ = & -(4a + b)(4c + d). \end{aligned}$$

By observation, we see that the determinant of this matrix is 0 if $4a + b = 0$ or $4c + d = 0$. Therefore, this matrix is singular for the following values of a , b , c , and d :

$$\begin{cases} a = -\frac{1}{4}s \\ b = s \\ c = -\frac{1}{4}t \\ d = t \end{cases}.$$

5. Prove or disprove each of the following statements:

(a) $|A + B| = |A| + |B|$, for all (square) matrices A and B .

Solution: This statement is FALSE.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then, $|A| = 0$, and $|B| = 0$, so $|A| + |B| = 0 + 0 = 0$. However, $A + B = I_2$, so $|A + B| = |I_2| = 1$.

Hence, $|A + B| \neq |A| + |B|$ for all square matrices A and B .

(b) $|2A| = 8|A|$, for all 3 by 3 matrices A .

Solution: This statement is TRUE.

Let A be any 3×3 matrix. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & |2A| \\ &= |2(I_3A)| \\ &= |(2I_3)A| \\ &= |2I_3| \cdot |A| \\ &= \left| 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| \cdot |A| \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot |A| \\ &= +(2) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot |A| \\ &= 2[4 - 0]|A| \\ &= 8|A|, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

(c) $|(AB)^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A||B|}$, for all nonsingular (square) matrices A and B .

Solution: This statement is TRUE.

Let A and B be nonsingular matrices of size $n \times n$. Then, $|A| \neq 0$ and $|B| \neq 0$, so A and B are invertible i.e. both A^{-1} and B^{-1} exist. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} B^{-1}A^{-1}AB &= I_n \\ \implies (AB)^{-1}(AB) &= I_n \\ \implies |(AB)^{-1}(AB)| &= |I_n| \\ \implies |(AB)^{-1}| \cdot |AB| &= 1 \\ \implies |(AB)^{-1}| \cdot (|A| \cdot |B|) &= 1 \\ \implies |(AB)^{-1}| &= \frac{1}{|A||B|}, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

6. Use the Cramer's rule to solve the following system of linear equations for any values of $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 2$:

$$\begin{aligned} x + ay + bz &= 10 \\ x + ay + 2z &= 2 \\ 2x + ay + 3z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & a & 2 \\ 2 & a & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, and for $i = 1, 2, 3$, let A_i be the matrix obtained by re-

placing column i of A with the column $B = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Then, } |A| &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & a & 2 \\ 2 & a & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 2-b \\ 2 & a & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= -(2-b) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a \\ 2 & a \end{vmatrix} \\
&= -(2-b)(-a) \\
&= a(2-b),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|A_1| &= \begin{vmatrix} 10 & a & b \\ 2 & a & 2 \\ 5 & a & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 0 & b-2 \\ 2 & a & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= +a \begin{vmatrix} 8 & b-2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= a(8-3(b-2)) \\
&= a(14-3b),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|A_2| &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 10 & b \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 8 & b-2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= -(1) \begin{vmatrix} 8 & b-2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= -(-8-(b-2)) \\
&= b+6,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{and } |A_3| &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & 10 \\ 1 & a & 2 \\ 2 & a & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \\ 2 & a & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\
&\quad -R1 + R2 \\
&= -(-8) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a \\ 2 & a \end{vmatrix} \\
&= 8(-a) \\
&= -8a.
\end{aligned}$$

By Cramer's rule, the unique solution for the system is

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{|A_1|}{|A|} = \frac{a(14-3b)}{a(2-b)} \\ y = \frac{|A_2|}{|A|} = \frac{b+6}{a(2-b)} \\ z = \frac{|A_3|}{|A|} = \frac{-8a}{a(2-b)}, \end{cases}$$

$$\text{or } \begin{cases} x = \frac{3b-14}{b-2} \\ y = -\frac{b+6}{a(b-2)} \\ z = \frac{8}{b-2}. \end{cases}$$